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Petition of USLD Communications, Inc.)
To Abandon Service and Withdraw)
its Certificates and Tariff to Provide)
Telecommunications Services in Illinois)

Case No. 04-0658

PETITION OF USLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO ABANDON SERVICE AND WITHDRAW ITS CERTIFICATES AND TARIFF
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

USLD Communications, Inc., formerly known as US Long Distance, Inc., ("USLD") hereby submits this Petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission to seek approval of its voluntary abandonment of service and withdrawal of its certificates and its Resale Telecommunications Services Tariff No. 1 to provide telecommunications services in Illinois, along with all other related relief that may be required to fulfill the intents and purposes of this Petition.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PETITIONER

USLD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest Communications International, Inc. ("Qwest"), which is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices and place of business located at 1801 California, Suite 5100, Denver, Colorado 80202. According to our records, this Commission had granted USLD certifications, including Order, Docket 89-0342 (01/18/90) and Order, Docket 97-0301 (09/10/97). Copies of USLD's Certificate of Incorporation, registrations with the Secretary of State and the authorizations to provide telecommunications services within Illinois are already on file with the Commission and are incorporated herein for all purposes.

II. DESIGNATED CONTACTS FOR PETITIONER

Pleadings, notices, orders, and other correspondence and communications concerning this Petition and proceeding held thereon should be addressed to the undersigned counsel, as well as to:

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

In thirty-six (36) states across the country, USLD is certificated to provide telecommunications services. When USLD originally began offering service over a decade ago, its service offerings and business plans were broad in scope in order to be able to remain flexible in an ever-changing telecommunications marketplace. Over time, USLD merged with LCI International, Inc., and then a few years later into Qwest Communications Corporation (“QCC”).¹ Since these mergers, USLD has focused its operations on provisioning operator services.

Having examined developments in the market for the services, Qwest has decided to have USLD exit the marketplace nationwide. USLD no longer has any customers or facilities in Illinois. Accordingly, USLD with this Petition seeks to abandon service and withdraw the aforementioned certificates, and any other certificates or registrations held with the Commission without prejudice, and withdraws its Resale Telecommunications Services Tariff No. 1.

V. PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Indeed, approving this Petition is in the public interest of consumers in Illinois. Qwest has achieved economies by offering services, namely operator services in this case, through only one affiliate. Having only QCC offer operator services in Illinois will allow QCC to enhance its ability

to provide high quality, competitive offerings, and thus can service the marketplace in Illinois more effectively. Granting this Petition, therefore, is in the public interest.

VI. PROPER NOTIFICATIONS OF TRANSACTION

USLD has no customers in Illinois, and therefore notification to customers is not appropriate or necessary.


¹ QCC is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest, and is certificated in Illinois.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, USLD respectfully requests the approval of the Commission to voluntarily abandon service and withdraw its certificates and its Resale Telecommunications Services Tariff No. 1, and granting such other relief deemed by the Commission just and proper to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE PETITION OF USLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
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On November 1, 2004, USLD Communications, Inc., formerly known as US Long Distance, Inc., ("USLD") submitted its Petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to seek approval of its voluntary abandonment of service and withdrawal of its certificates and its Resale Telecommunications Services Tariff No. 1 to provide telecommunications services in Illinois, along with all other related relief that may be required to fulfill the intents and purposes of this Petition.

It has since come to the attention of USLD that the Petition requires supplement to satisfy to the Rules of the Commission. First, USLD includes in this supplemental filing a notarized verification to replace the verification attached to the original Petition. Second, based on the information provided in the Petition, USLD also expressly waives any hearing on the matter. With these two issues addressed, the Petition to voluntarily abandon service and withdraw its certifications and tariff is complete, and should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
USLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

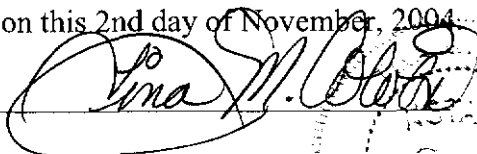
COUNTY OF DENVER

I, Susan A. Mohr, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am the Acting Regional Director – Public Policy for USLD Communications, Inc. in Illinois; that I am duly authorized to make this verification on USLD's behalf; that I have read the foregoing Petition and know the contents thereof; and that the facts stated in the foregoing submission relating to USLD are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this 2nd day of November, 2004.



My Commission Expires July 12, 2006

My commission expires on _____

